

**Pennridge Regional Police Commission
Meeting Minutes**

July 22, 2020

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 7:00pm on July 22, 2020. The meeting was held as a video/call in conference meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Present:	James Miller	Commissioner
	Gary Volovnik	Commissioner
	David Collingwood	Commissioner
	Rodney Blake	Chief of Police
	John Rice, Esq.	Solicitor
	Marianne Morano	East Rockhill Township Manager
	Greg Lippincott	West Rockhill Township Manager

Members in the video conference that were identified were Dave Nyman(East Rockhill Township Supervisor) Jim Nietupski (East Rockhill Township Supervisor), and news reporter Bob Keeler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Mr. Miller with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment #1:

There was none.

Announcements:

Mr. Miller announced that at 3pm today (7/22/20) an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel issues.

Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2020 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Pennridge Regional Police Commission's June 24, 2020 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Financial Report: Chief Blake

Chief Blake read the financial report dated July 22, 2020. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$68,936.55 the total operational account balance equals \$167,552.51. The capital reserve account funds total \$150,271.04. It should be noted that the department was requiring only 1 authorized signature on the checks issued by the department instead of the normal 2 signature requirement. This was approved by QNB and was requested due to COVID-19 restrictions.

On motion by Mr. Collingwood, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of Bills List dated July 22, 2020 totaling \$68,936.55 and the Financial Report as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief Blake

Chief Blake read the monthly report indicating Department activities for the month of June, 2020. Mr. Collingwood wanted to thank the department for the increased traffic enforcement efforts on Barndt Road.

On motion by Mr. Collingwood, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Chief's Report as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Solicitors Report: John Rice, Esq.

Mr. Rice gave the Board an update on the HVAC litigation. He advised the Board that the date September 29, 2020 at 9am has been selected for mediation and that the Chief and a Board Member should be available for the mediation.

Old Business

Chief Blake advised the Board that he was purchasing a new police car which has already been approved in the budget. He added that by waiting he was able to get a demo model for a reduced cost.

New Business

Chief Blake read a letter of recognition sent to Officer Bartholomew from Chief Schurr for his assistance with several planned protests in the area.

Chief Blake mentioned that the Board had the proposed 2021 budget. Mr. Miller advised that he wanted the budget to include the Chief's salary for the remainder of the year, and he directed the Public Safety Committee to make the change in the budget.

Mr. Nyman advised more information is needed on Tesla before it should be used as a police car; such as performance records, etc... Mr. Miller agreed but wanted to keep it as a book mark for future consideration.

Mr. Nyman suggested that there should be a separate line item in the budget for Covid related expenses.

Mr Nyman gave suggestions on the following proposed budget line items;

- Revenue- 361.120 . It appears to be a high number considering there are unknowns with current school reimbursements
- 401.420- include the full year salary
- 471.130- pay off equipment debt
- 487.651- keep current medical costs as is due to uncertainty

Citizen Comment #2:

There was none.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Blake,
Chief of Police